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TO: E. A. Bracken, ERD

DATE: November 1, 1991

FROM: NEPA Compliance Officer

Telephone: 6-6667

cc:

J. K. Erickson, ERD

R. M. Carosino, OCC

R. H. Engelmann, WHC

SUBJECT: Approved NEPA Categorical Exclusion

Attached is a recently approved Categorical Exclusion:

RFI/CMS of the Upland Portion of the 100-N Area

Approval of this Categorical Exclusion completes the NEPA review process for this activity. No further NEPA review of this activity is required.

I recommend you transmit copies to the contractor.

How 5, 1991

CCC: Maggie Forward copies to: 1) Administrative Record

2) mere Lawkobach, WHC

3) Bill Green, WHC

4) Tom Wintczak, WHC



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REPLY TO

EM-442 (M. Harmon, 3-6194)

SUBJECT:

Categorical Exclusion Determination - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Facility Investigation/Corrective Measures Study of the Upland Portion of the 100-N Area, Hanford Site, Richland, Washington

TQ:

Carol Borgstrom Director Office of NEPA Oversight

I have approved the subject categorical exclusion under Section D of the Department of Energy's National Environmental Policy Act Guidelines and am forwarding it to you for review.

I request that you notify me within 2 weeks, in accordance with the Interim Procedural Guidelines for implementation of SEN-15-90, whether you have any objections to this determination.

Leo P. Duffy

Director

Office of Environmental Restoration and Waste Management

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Categorical Exclusion Determination - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Facility Investigation/Corrective Measures Study of the Upland Portion of the 100-N Area, Hanford Site, Richland, Washington

TO:

J. D. Wagoner, Manager DOE Field Office, Richland

Attached for your information is a copy of the approved categorical exclusion determination for the characterization and remediation studies at the 100-N Area, Hanford Site. Any comments provided by the Office of NEPA Oversight are indicated directly on the attached categorical exclusion.

Please contact me, or your staff may contact Mary Harmon (FTS 233-6194) of my staff, should further information be required.

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Office of Environmental Restoration and Waste Management

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#### Categorical Exclusion Determination

#### Proposed Action

The proposed action involves Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) characterization and remedial studies of the upland portions of the 100-N Area, Hanford Site, Richland, Washington.

#### Location

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100-N Area, Hanford Site, Richland, Washington

#### <u>Description of Proposed Action</u>

The proposed action is to perform characterization studies of the upland portions of the 100-N Area (portions of the 100-NR-1 and -2 Operable Units) and those immediately adjacent portions of the 600 area necessary to fully characterize the 100 N area under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act as a Facility Investigation/Corrective Measures Study in accordance with the work plan developed for this area. The investigations will include source, soil, air, ground water, geological, archeological and biological studies to determine the nature and extent of the threat to the environment posed by releases of hazardous material from the Operable Units. Activities will not be conducted on floodplains, wetlands, or other environmentally sensitive areas, and will be designed to minimize the risk of inadvertently spreading hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants. These investigations are necessary to develop plans for cleanup of these Operable Units. The cleanup activities and characterization activities in those portions of these Operable Units that are in the 100- or 500-year floodplains, wetlands or sensitive environments will be addressed in separate National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) reviews.

## Categorical Exclusion (CX) to be Applied (Section D, DOE NEPA Guidelines)

The following CX, in section D of the Department of Energy's National Environmental Policy Act Guidelines, was published in the <u>Federal</u> Register on September 7, 1990 (55 FR 37177):

"Site characterization and environmental monitoring, including siting, construction, operation of characterization or monitoring devices, under CERCLA and RCRA, if the activities would not introduce or cause the inadvertent or uncontrolled movement of hazardous substances as defined in section 101(14) of CERCLA, pollutants or contaminants as defined in section 101(33) of CERCLA, or non-native organisms, and would not adversely affect environmentally sensitive areas..."

The CX is appropriate because the proposed activity is a site characterization and environmental monitoring effort that meets the requirements of CERCLA and RCRA. The activity will not introduce or cause the inadvertent or uncontrolled movement of hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants or non-native organisms. In addition, the activity will not affect environmentally sensitive areas such as archeological sites, critical habitats, flood plains, and wetlands. Documentation for the project indicating satisfaction with the conditions of this CX will be maintained by Richland.

### Compliance Action

I have determined that the proposed action meets the requirements for the CX referenced above. Therefore, I have determined that the proposed action may be categorically excluded from further NEPA review and documentation.

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Leo P. Duffy

Director

Office of Environmental Restoration and Waste Management

Date:

EH-25 has reviewed this determination and has no objections.

Concurrence:

Carol Borgotion

Director

Office of NEPA Oversight

Date:

10/23/91

cc:

J. D. Wagoner, RL

91-HQ-EM-169 Hanford 100-N (Upland) Area RFI/CMS

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